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\$5,932,787

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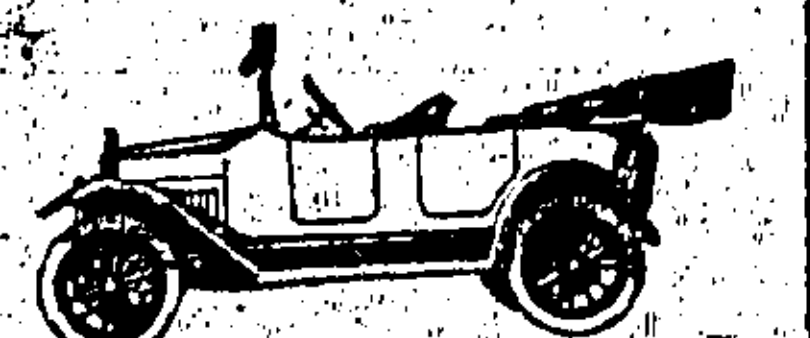
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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**TURKISH DEBACLE IN
HOLY LAND.**

SITUATION CRITICAL FOR TURKS.

LONDON, Sept. 25.
Reuter's Agency learns that the
265 guns which were captured in
Palestine are believed to be the
whole of the guns which had been in
the possession of the two Turkish
Armies.

Our cavalry is quite close to Am-
man, on the Hedjaz Railway.

The Arabs captured Jordan, three
miles north of Maan, and the posi-
tion of the Turkish force is now
broken in two, east of the Jordan.

Both positions have been cut off from
Dunnas, and the situation is cri-
tical. Probably few of the Turkish
fighting force will escape.

HAIFA TAKEN BY BRITISH.

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME BY
COLONISTS.

LONDON, Sept. 25.

Reuter's Correspondent at Pales-
tine Headquarters, telegraphing yester-
day, says:—

A few hundred Turks at Haifa
resisted our advance until they were
overcome. Enemy guns are holding
out till the ammunition is spent.

The population at Haifa, including
the German colonists, enthusiastically
welcomed the British.

A characteristic of the strained
Germano-Turkish relations was the
incident of a captured German Major,
who, was attempting to flee with
other Germans, and who was forced
by the Turks to participate in the
defence of Haifa.

The administration of the town has
been taken over without the slightest
hitch.

45,000 PRISONERS TAKEN.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

The prisoners taken in Palestine
now number 45,000.

ALLIED SUCCESS IN MACEDONIA
AND PALESTINE.

GERMANS ALARMED.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 26.

The Entente successes in Mace-
donia and Palestine have greatly
alarmed the "Frankfurter Zeitung,"
which cannot refrain from paying a
tribute to the enemy's strategic skill
and says the Entente, especially the
English, show themselves again as
masters of Colonial warfare. It also
admits that the point for a break-
through in Macedonia has been very
cleverly chosen.

The paper urges the Central
Powers to tackle the problem of
defence as "the enemy has caused
us serious military damage."

THE BALKANS.

STIFF RESISTANCE BY BULGARS.

LONDON, Sept. 25.

News from Salonika is to the
effect that the whole of the Monastir
Priple-Grudsko road, connecting the
two Bulgarian Armies, is now in the
hands of the Allies, whose cavalry
are within 10 miles of the second
line, Veles-Iship-Priple.

The enemy is fighting desperately
to retain possession of this road and
also the sector west of Priple. The
Allies, however, are as near Uskub
as the enemy, the occupation of
which will be most important.

We hold the Vardar from Gue-
gelt to Orizak. The Serbians con-
tinue to take prisoners, and they
captured another 30 guns in addi-
tion to those previously reported.

ALLIES ADVANCE BEYOND PRIPEL.

BOOTY INCREASING.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

A French Eastern dominion
states:—

Despite fresh reinforcements of
German troops, the enemy has been
obliged to continue his retreat to the
north. Strong rearguards are still
desperately resisting north-west of
Monastir. The Allies have advanced
beyond Priple, and are progressing
towards the Krashevo-Kichevo-Veles
roads.

The Serbians, in the centre, car-
ried the Popadja massif, east of
Babuna, and gained ground west of
the lower Cerna, and also enlarged
the bridgehead north of the Vardar.
They captured the heights between
the Vardar and Krivava Kavaz Val-
ley, where the enemy is hostily
entrenching.

On the right wing the British,
French and Greeks had thrown strong
advance guards across the Vardar at
Gradetz and Hudito, and captured
the Karabasi massif, north of Lake
Doiran.

The booty is increasing. Thirty
guns were captured on the 23rd and
also railway material.

BRITISH TROOPS ENTER
BULGARIA.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

A British official dispatch from
Salonica states that British troops
entered Bulgaria, opposed Kesturine
(sic).

[We take the last two words to be a
misquoting of "opposite Kesturine."
Ed.]

A SERBIAN SUCCESS.

LONDON, Sept. 26.

Reuter learns that the Serbians
have captured Iship.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

EX-WAR MINISTERS CONDEMNED
TO DEATH.

SENTENCES NOT TO BE
EXECUTED AT PRESENT.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 26.

The "Rheinische Westfalische" says
a message from Moscow announces
that the Revolutionary Tribunal has
condemned to death the ex-War
Ministers, M. Ailavonoff and M.
Wierchewski, the sentences not to be
executed at present.

M. LITVINOFF LEAVES FOR
RUSSIA.

BRITAIN'S REPRESENTATIVES
IN RUSSIA RETURNING.

LONDON, Sept. 24.

M. Litvinoff, the Bolshevik agent
in Great Britain, accompanied by 24
of his compatriots, are leaving Lon-
don on the 25th for a neutral port
bound for Russia.

It is stated that Great Britain's
representatives in Russia are en
route to England.

THE MUMBLING OF OLD
FALLACIES.

THE VIEW OF THE BRITISH
PRESS ON HERTLING'S
SPEECH.

LONDON, Sept. 25.

The newspapers describe Count
Hertling's speech as the speech of a
falling Minister and of the dynas-
ty of a mummified old fallacies
and arguments, because he knows his
position is insecure. He said nothing
to remove the Allies' objection to the
whole German programme, namely
that Germany could be trusted.

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG GYMNASIA CLUB.

THE FOURTH GYMNASIA MEETING of the Season will be held at Jockey Valley on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, commencing at 3.30 p.m. The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymnasium Club. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Free. The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1918. 783

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the OPENING of the NEW GROUND will take place on SATURDAY, Sept. 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Members, Friends and Members of other Sporting Clubs are cordially invited to attend. There will be Cricket, Bowls and Tennis matches.

L. J. BLACKBURN, Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon, Sept. 20, 1918. 771

HONGKONG CHINESE RECREATION CLUB.

"AT HOME."

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the CLUB'S ANNUAL AT HOME will take place on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 p.m. There will be Tennis matches between the Champions and the Best in Division A, B and C of the Hongkong Tennis League. Members and Friends are cordially invited to attend.

UN HEN FAN, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 23, 1918. 777

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Club House on MONDAY, September 30th, 1918, at 5.30 p.m.

Report and Accounts for 1917-1918. Election of Officers for 1918-1919. General.

L. J. BLACKBURN, Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon, Sept. 20, 1918. 770

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on TUESDAY, the 1st October, 1918, at 12.30 p.m., at the Offices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

A Report will be made at this Meeting as to certain proposals to substitute spectators' stands for some of the Matchboxes, hitherto erected on part of the Jockey Club property and the adjoining land.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1918. 782

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 31st prox. both days inclusive. The share certificates for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, on and after MONDAY, 7th October, 1918.

By Order of the Board, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Sept. 23, 1918. 774

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., 67 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, the Registered Office of the above-named Company, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of October, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 13th day of September, 1918, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman thereof, and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

A copy of the new Articles referred to may be inspected by any shareholder of the said Company at the Company's Offices in Hongkong, or at the Offices of Messrs. Johnson, Storer & Master, (the Company's Solicitors) at Prince's Building, Victoria, aforesaid, on any weekday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dated this 13th day of Sept., 1918.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents. 761

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office at No. 10, Wyndham Street, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 19th of October, 1918.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 19th of October, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1918. 780

INTIMATIONS

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 3rd day of October, 1918, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th September to 3rd October, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order, M. MANUK, Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1918. 769

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have This Day REMOVED our Offices from No. 7 Queen's Road Central to St. George's Buildings, 2nd floor.

GOLDING and PHILIPS, Solicitors, &c.

Hongkong, Sept. 23, 1918. 781

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Hongkong, Sept. 23, 1918. 780

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Under the Small Holdings Colonies Act of 1916 the Board of Agriculture was given powers to acquire 6,000 acres of land in England and Wales for discharged soldiers and sailors. This area has already been acquired: 2,000 in Yorkshire, 1,000 in Lincolnshire, and 3,000 in Shropshire and South Wales. A Bill has passed through Parliament and now awaits the Royal Assent, which will give the Board power to take 60,000 acres more for this purpose.

Sir Richard Winfrey, the Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, gave to a representative of *The Daily Chronicle* some particulars about the work he is doing in finding land for the brave fellows who have fought and bled for their country.

"This last Bill," he said, "gives us power to take land on lease or at a perpetual rent charge. It does not give us powers of purchase, the reason being that the Treasury is unwilling to find us money under present circumstances to buy land. We can only get the money to equip."

"There has been some criticism, both in the Lords and in the Commons, on the grounds that our proposals are inequitable. It has been suggested that county councils ought to be allowed to resume their powers of compulsory purchase under the 1903 Act. I want to make it clear that I am, personally, not averse from those bodies resuming their powers, but if they cannot get the money from the Treasury I was not prepared to mark time, and the present proposals appeared to offer the only way of getting on with the work at the moment."

"But it is a mistake to suppose that the Board of Agriculture was ever opposed to action by the county councils. I recognise fully the excellent work which several of the councils have done under the 1903 Act."

APPEAL TO LANDOWNERS.

"Having been the chairman of the first Small Holdings Committee in Lincolnshire, I fully recognise the value of local initiative and control. But in the position we now find ourselves in, this seems to be the only way out. And I trust that the landowners up and down the country will come to our assistance. I will look forward to the realisation of my hope that much more than 80,000 acres will be obtained. As Mr. Frothero recently said in the House of Commons, 'Nobody, I venture to say, knows better than I do how inadequate is the provision which has been made.' We have continued Sir Richard, 'a great deal of what I say, call semi-public land which, in my opinion, ought to be placed at the disposal of the men who have fought for our country. This land is in the hands of the Crown, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, colleges, and hospitals, and much of it is excellent agricultural land, and should be obtained as opportunity arises.'"

"Meanwhile, prices are going up. Some land belonging to Mr. Peter's College, Cambridge, was sold last May for £1,000 an acre. I have just seen a notice that a piece of land of 100 acres, which was sold for £1,000 an acre, is now offered for sale at £2,000 an acre. This is an illustration of what is going on all over the country."

"Have you received any offers towards the 80,000 acres wanted?"

"I am glad to say we have already had two or three offers. The gentleman who was good enough to give us 300 acres in Herefordshire, in memory of his son who was killed fighting in France, has now informed us that, under certain conditions, he will give us another 600 acres, representing in all a gift of £25,000. The men whom we have already placed are doing excellently. One young man lost his arm, but he can plough quite well, and is succeeding admirably on his holding of 10 acres. Another came to me on crutches, and is now quite well. He has done so well on five acres, that he wants another five."

CARGO VESSELS.

CONSTRUCTION IN INDIA.

A *communiqué* has been issued by the Indian Munitions Board, concerning the construction in India, on behalf of Government, of cargo steamers. The question has been under examination in India, and has formed the subject of correspondence with the authorities in the United Kingdom, whether advantage could not be taken of Indian resources for the construction of cargo steamers in India for use by the Government. The advantages of making addition to the available numbers of cargo steamers are obvious, but the Government of India have, after the fullest consideration, come to the conclusion that local resources cannot economically be turned to account in this direction.

The principal reasons which have led to their decision may be stated for public information. They consist in the difficulties encountered in providing the necessary materials and skilled labour in the comparative undeveloped state of the ship-construction industry in India, and in the fact that such engineering productive capacity as exists is already largely and to a still greater extent will soon be engaged in other essential war-work which could not be carried on concurrently with the development of a shipbuilding industry.

For the construction of steel or composite vessels it would be necessary to import from abroad all the steel plates and boilers, most of the propelling machinery and the greater part of the structural steel work at a cost, and an initial risk of loss in transit, which alone would be serious obstacles to the work while the same materials can more rapidly be utilised for the same purpose at or near to the place of their own production. By the use of timber for

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MEANING OF THE MARNE.

EFFECTS OF RUSSIA'S DEFECTION
WRITTEN OFF.

[By H. S. SPOONER.]

Following is the first article contributed to the London "Times" by Mr. H. S. Spooner, who succeeds Col. Repington as "correspondent on the war." Mr. Spooner is a "Student of War" in the "Manchester Guardian" is known as one of the ablest writers on military questions.

The Kaiser's proclamation to his troops summarizing the results of four years of war was notably modest in its claims on the Western Front. He could not have addressed the German Army in France than that it had kept war from the home land, made a fine defence during two years in which it was outnumbered and dealt against its shrewd blows after the defection of Russia had restored the parity of numbers.

But he said no more, and all the adjectives in his vocabulary will not make a verb, which is the only part of speech that matters. That he should have said no more is more remarkable because of the known differences of opinion to German Governmental quarters about the policy for the Western offensive. For the third time the German General Staff has staked its credit on breaking through after the first failure of Von Moltke.

After Falkenberg had to go after the second failure at Verdun, and now is bound to go after the third failure. The same causes which turned the losses of the German offensive from the West to the East after the first battle of the Marne have to work as the second battle of the Marne draws to its close. Let those of us who worry over the fact that the second Marne battle was fought over much the same ground as the first, and with much the same result think how much more painfully that fact would strike them if they were Germans.

Russia restored to full communication with the outside world, and Asiatic Turkey isolated. The whole of Turkey in Asia could then have been left to fall an easy prey to India, whose immense resources of manpower a "Jathum" would forthwith have begun to organize.

There were two alternatives, one either that our army in France was a Flauders expeditionary force subsidiary to the operations of the fleet, or it was a genuine army on a Continental scale. The two alternatives were confused in the arrangements for the higher command, but the moment it was clear that our army was not an expeditionary force for the defence of the Narrows, but the left wing of the army in the West, unity of command was necessary not only as a measure of military efficiency but in justice to the French generally.

"We had to wait three-and-a-half years, suffer the severest reverses in our history before the principle was recognized. How one blushed to think now of those early popular boasts in the autumn of 1914 that we had saved France! Why, we had barely begun to learn the alphabet of Continental war. How could we think then that we had extemporized by intuition knowledge of an art dealing in millions to which France and Germany had given generations of patient organized thought?

"A Chatham would have recognized that national war involves mobilization not only of bodies of nations, but its minds, for the mobilization of mind may have been the calling up of many bodies. He would have foreseen the crisis of manpower. He would not have waited for it to overtake him and gain economy in life.

"Mobilization of mind."

"It is true the Chatham policy which preferred the use of the army as an adjunct to the fleet would have been modified. We could not honourably interest or abstain from giving direct military assistance to France. On the

contrary it would have been well if our assistance had been more unrestricted even though our numbers were restricted and the advantage of efficiency in working together would have been incalculable.

"He would have seen too that mobilization of the mind of the nation presupposes confidence between the rulers and the ruled, which must depend upon knowledge and free circulation of ideas. An unintelligent censorship may throw away the one great advantage of democracy at war upon democracy.

"Comparatively little as the past year has brought us in positive military achievement, it has this consolation, that we were all too slowly working back to the few simple principles that make success in war. We ought by this time to have been far ahead of life than we are, but after all the second Marne is not a mere repetition of the first.

"The first proved only that Germany was not strong enough to conduct simultaneous offensives both West and East. Second premises prove that we had now written off in the West the effects of the defection of Russia. We have not, however, written off those effects in the East. This is one of two problems still awaiting solution. We will have to reconstitute the Eastern Front, always remembering that since Russia dropped out of the war Italy is exposed on the right wing of the Allies.

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"The second and more difficult problem is to do in the West what Germany is now failing to do after the third attempt.

"At the beginning of this fifth year of the war it is our duty to be honest with ourselves as to the causes of our past failures. Even now they are not apparently understood everywhere, but it would be unfair not to recognize at the outset that great as our mistakes have been those of the enemy have been far greater.

"The whole of the German military theory is against a long war. It has fattened on short wars and easy victories. There is a strong if not a dominant party in Germany which would be only too glad to barter on the West for freedom and to do as it liked on the East—parts of whose policy are perhaps even more dangerous to this country than that of the militarists. This party will produce its historian later, the burden of whose argument will be something like this: 'We had with State affairs that there has been (except on occasions by present premises) no dominating single intelligence capable of appropriating ideas and harnessing them to coherent national policy.'

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